

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the client.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is determined by information about the computer network.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the media presentation comprises an audio presentation.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the media presentation comprises a video presentation.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein partitioning of media presentation information between the multiple related files is described within the control information file using tags corresponding to respective files.
- 7-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently amended) The device of claim 18, wherein:  
[[ -]] the device interprets the control information to retrieve multiple files from the computer network for sequential play-out.

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 12, wherein:  
[[ -]] the means for parsing comprises an XML parser; and  
[[ -]] the means for retrieving and using comprises an XML interpreter.

14. (Currently amended) A method of, at a client device, forming a media presentation from multiple related files, including a control information file, stored on one or more server computers within a computer network, the method comprising acts of:

downloading the control information file to the client device;

the client device parsing the control information file;

and

based on parsing of the control information file, the client device:

identifying multiple alternative files corresponding to a given segment of the media presentation,

determining which files of the multiple alternative files to retrieve based on system restraints;

retrieving a first file and using contents of the first file the determined file of the multiple alternative files to begin

a media presentation, wherein if the determined file is one of a plurality of files required for the media presentation, the method further comprises acts of:

concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and

using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the control information file is an XML file.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the XML file identifies the multiple alternative files corresponding to a the given segment of the media presentation, further comprising an act of partitioning the media presentation into selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative files~~multiple MP3 files~~ corresponding to a portion of the multiple alternative files.

17. (Currently amended) A method of storing media presentation information within a computer network including multiple server computers, the method comprising acts of:

storing on a server computer a control information file of a format to be parsed by a client device; and

storing on one or more server computers multiple ~~related~~ alternative files corresponding to a given segment of a media presentation accessible by the client device to, based on parsing

of the control information file, determine which file of the multiple alternative files to retrieve based on system constraints to form a media presentation from the multiple ~~related-alternative~~ files.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the control information file is an XML file.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the XML file identifies the multiple alternative files corresponding to a ~~the~~ given segment of the media presentation.

20. (Currently amended) A client device for forming a media presentation from multiple related files stored on server computers within a computer network, comprising:

means for downloading files to the client device;

means for parsing a control information file; and

means for parsing, based on parsing of the control information file:

identifying multiple alternative files corresponding to a give segment of the media presentation;

determining which file of the multiple alternative files to retrieve based on system constraints;

retrieving a ~~first file and using contents of the first file~~ the determined file of the multiple alternative files to begin a media presentation, wherein if the determined file is one of a

plurality of files required for the media presentation, the means for parsing comprises means for:

concurrent with the media presentation, retrieving a next file; and

using content of the next file to continue the media presentation.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the control information file is an XML file.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the XML file identifies multiple alternative MP3 files corresponding to a portion of the given segment of the media presentation, the means for retrieving comprising means for selecting and retrieving one of the multiple alternative MP3 files.